

### Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus and method of recording and reproducing a video/audio signal is provided, and more particularly, an apparatus and method of controlling playback according to program ratings, by which a playback mode is controlled on the basis of a set viewable program rating, upon playback of programs recorded together with information associated with the program ratings. Upon playback of a tape in which various rating programs are recorded, when the rating of a program to be played back is higher than a set program rating, the position of a program having the set program rating or lower ratings is searched for at high speed. Thus, a viewable program is automatically searched for within a short time without key manipulation, and can be viewed by viewers.